



# **COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below-named joint inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated next to my name subscribed below;

I believe I am an original and first coinventor of the subject matter which is disclosed and claimed in U.S. Application No. 10/668,503 which is a Continuation-In-Part of U.S. Application No. 10/254,500, filed September 26, 2002, which in turn was a Continuation-In-Part of U.S. Application No. 09/679,359, filed October 5, 2000, now abandoned, which in turn claimed priority of Argentina P99 01 06162, filed December 3, 1999, that was filed on our behalf on **September 24, 2003**, and being further identified by the title:

## **ASSEMBLY OF HOLLOW TORQUE TRANSMITTING SUCKER RODS AND SEALING NIPPLE WITH IMPROVED SEAL AND FLUID FLOW**

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification as filed, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

This is a continuation-in-part, and I hereby claim benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120, of **Application No. 10/254,500, filed September 26, 2002**, which is **pending**, which was a continuation-in-part of **Application No. 09/679,359, filed October 5, 2000**, now **abandoned**.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Country	Application No.	Filed (Day/Mo./Yr.)	Priority Claimed
<b>Argentina</b>	<b>P99 01 06162</b>	<b>03/12/99</b>	<b>Yes</b>

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**DECLARATION**

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code application or any patent issued thereon.

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